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United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.50

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.50, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General, taking note of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 49/76 D of 15 December 1994, to provide the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific with the necessary support, within existing resources, in carrying out its programme of activities;

(b) Urge the Secretary-General to ensure the physical operation of the Regional Centre from Kathmandu within six months of the date of signature of the host country agreement and to enable the Centre to function effectively.

B. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work

2. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of the draft resolution are associated with programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005[1] and section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.[2]

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C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the Department for Disarmament Affairs would continue to provide a P-5 post for the Director of the Regional Centre. With respect to operative paragraph 6 regarding the physical operation of the Regional Centre from Kathmandu, the Department for Disarmament Affairs would continue consultations with His Majesty's Government of Nepal.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2002-2003

4. Modification would not be required to programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, or to section 4 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as the activities that would be undertaken under the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament, of section 4.

E. Potential for absorption

5. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 would continue to provide for the P-5 post of Director of the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific referred to in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution. The programme of activities of the Centre would continue to be financed by extrabudgetary resources. The physical operation of the Centre from Kathamandu, referred to in operative paragraph 6, would also be met from extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

F. Indication of additional requirements

6. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.50, no additional requirements would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1).

[2] A/56/6 (Sect. 4).